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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was previously filed on October 14, 2003, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Office Action dated December 21, 2006, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-207777, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2000-262534 A, together with an English language Abstract and an English language computer-generated translation thereof;
- (2) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2001-321386 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same, which is a patent family member of U.S. Patent No. 6,689,122 B2;
- (3) Japanese Translation of International Application No. JP 2002-528167, which is a patent family member of U.S. Patent No. 6,458,130; and
- (4) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2003-033366 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same of the same.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Office Action.

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Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.


Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents, with the exception of JP 2002-528167, a copy of which is not available to Applicant, are attached hereto, and all of the documents, with the exception of JP 2002-528167, are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the Japanese Office Action and an English language translation thereof are also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Final Rejection. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicant has included herewith a check in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p). Applicant furthermore certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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	1	English language Abstract of JP 2002-528167.
	2	English language Abstract of JP 2000-262534.
	3	English language Abstract of JP 2001-321386.
	4	English language Abstract of JP 2003-033366.

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